

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination of the present application. The FINAL Office Action, however, continued to reject all examined claims 1-14. Specifically, claim 1, 4, 8 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by US 6,054,754 to Bissey. Claims 2, 3, 5-7, 9, 10 and 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Bissey. In response, independent claims 1 and 8 have been amended. No new matter is introduced to this application by this amendment.

Response to Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 4, 8, and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by *Bissey (US 6,054,754)*. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of these rejections.

In advancing the rejections, the Office Action indicates that *Bissey (US 6,054,754)* discloses an integrated circuit (12) comprising a primary substrate having a top surface (16), a bottom surface (36), and a plurality of side surfaces; a plurality of contacts (14) on the top surface (16) of the primary substrate connectable to pins (28 or 30) of a packaging element (20); and a capacitive coating (32) on at least the bottom surface (36) of the primary substrate to make contact with a lead frame (22A) intended to secure the primary substrate to the packaging element.

Applicant notes, however, that in the disclosure of *Bissey (US 6,054,754)*, the capacitive coating (32) does not **directly contact** at least the bottom surface (36) of the primary substrate. Both independent claims 1 and 8 are amended herein to expressly

embody this distinctive feature of the claimed embodiments. For at least the reason, the rejection claims 1 and 8 (under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)) should be withdrawn.

In addition, as claims 4 and 11 depend from claims 1 and 8, the rejections of the claim claims 4 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) should also be withdrawn for at least the same reason.

Response to Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

The Office Action rejected claims 2, 3, 5-7, 9, 10, and 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) allegedly unpatentable over *Bissey* (US 6,054,754). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections. As claims 2, 3, 5-7, 9, 10, and 12-14 depend from claim 1 or 8, which patentently define over *Bissey* (as set forth above), the rejections of the claims 2, 3, 5-7, 9, 10, and 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) should be withdrawn.

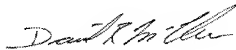
For at least these reasons, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance. Prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

A credit card authorization is provided to cover the fees for the fee for the accompanying RCE application. No additional fee is believed to be due in connection with this amendment and response to Office Action. If, however, any additional fee is believed to be due, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account No. 20-0778.

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